

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION; and MIGUEL CARDONA, in his
official capacity as Secretary of the United States
Department of Education,¹

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-11600-LTS

FARAH NOERAND,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
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official capacity as Secretary of the United States
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Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-11271-LTS

Government's Assented-To Motion to Hold Cases in Abeyance for 60 Days

On January 20, 2021, new leadership assumed responsibility for the United States Department of Education. The officials are working to become familiar with the issues in these cases and are continuing to consider what actions they intend to take regarding these two cases.

¹ Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d), Miguel Cardona is substituted for Philip Rosenfelt.

For such reasons, Defendants respectfully request a sixty-day extension of the March 26, 2021, to file the parties' joint report regarding the schedule for the cases on or before May 25, 2021.

This is the second extension sought by Defendants in this case. Counsel for Plaintiffs have assented to this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rule 7.1 Certification

I certify that I conferred with counsel before filing this motion.

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